

In The Specification:

Amend the paragraph starting page 1, line 3.

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A smart card connector has a carriage (252) that prevents inadvertent card pullout and that pushes the card rearward when a user intends to do so, ~~the carriage being of simple construction and being simply slidably mounted.~~ The connector housing includes an insulative support (52) that is molded with at least one upstanding rib (275, 277) lying beside the card path. The carriage is formed from a piece of sheet metal that is bent to form a pair of flanges (310, 314) that lie on opposite sides of the rib and to form a base (312) that connects the flanges and that lies on top of the rib. One of the flanges forms a blade (184) with a free end, the free end forming a spur (186) for movement into and out of the card path. The housing forms a blade-engaging wall (298, 300) that controls the deflection of the blade so the spur moves into the card path only when the carriage moves forward.